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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 3 as follows:

As stated above, the socket 50, which is an independent power-supply device, has connection interfaces formed as conductors +110, 2120, 3130, and 6160 through which data are inputted and outputted and power-supply interfaces v1, v2, and G through which power is supplied to the media converter. Moreover, the separate power-supply device 50 includes interfaces 55, 56, 57, and 58 for connections with other sockets.